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MEMORANDUM FOR POTENTIAL NPOESS EMD/PRODUCTION OFFERORS

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SUBJECT: NPOESS EMD/PRODUCTION ACQUISITION, PLANNING
UPDATE FOR INDUSTRY

We have received many requests for information regarding the upcoming NPOESS EMD/Production acquisition. We hope this is helpful in answering a few of the questions that have been asked. We still anticipate releasing a final RFP in February 2002 with drafts perhaps in September and November 2001. A synopsis in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) will announce the availability of the draft and final RFP.

We previously announced our intention that all offerors would substantially incorporate the IPO-selected sensors into their proposals (Ball Aerospace OMPS, Saab-Ericsson GPSOS, ITT CrIS, and Raytheon VIIRS – the CMIS down-select is still in source selection). For these sensors, we anticipate using the development baseline referenced in each sensor contractor's current contract with the Government as of 30 Nov 2001 as the EMD/Production proposal baseline. We do not contemplate re-evaluating the baseline technical solution of these sensors in the EMD/Production source selection, but offerors that include changes to a sensor's baseline performance will be expected to substantiate the changes in their proposals. However, an offeror's plans on how it will use the data output of these sensors in satisfying NPOESS system performance requirements will be evaluated.

Later this summer, we anticipate providing potential offerors with a description of the work we purchased under the current IPO sensor contracts, along with a description of the work we foresee being completed by 1 Oct 2002. We anticipate awarding the EMD/Production contract in August or September 2002 (except for the GPSOS contract, which expires after CDR in February 2003). We anticipate the winning EMD/Production offeror will be completely responsible for any and all necessary work for the VIIRS, CrIS, OMPS, and CMIS sensors starting 1 Oct 2002 (and for GPSOS after CDR).



We anticipate requiring offerors to submit a total system specification as part of their proposals. We also anticipate requiring an Integrated Master Plan (IMP) and Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) from prime offerors. However, we do not anticipate requiring separate sensor-level specifications or sensor-level IMPs as part of each prime offeror's EMD/Production proposal because each proposal will incorporate the necessary sensor-level information needed for its TSPR solution.

We anticipate competition for the NPOESS EMD/Production source selection. If this remains true, then submission of [certified] cost or pricing data by the prime offerors will not be required (but sufficient information other than cost or pricing data will likely be required to establish cost realism) (*see 15.403-1(b)(1) and 15.404-1(d)(2)*). This further means that [certified] cost or pricing data likely will not be required from proposed subcontractors (*see FAR 15.403-4(a)(1)(ii) and 15.404-3(c)*).

The preliminary decisions discussed above are just that — preliminary — and are subject to change before the final RFP is issued. Further, readers must be aware that this letter touches only on small parts of the acquisition strategy. However, our goal is to provide as much information as possible as early as possible to potential offerors. Your input on any of these matters will be appreciated. My e-mail is john.inman@noaa.gov. Please visit the NPOESS website at <http://www.ipo.noaa.gov> and the NPOESS Electronic Library at <http://npoesslib.ipo.noaa.gov> from time to time.